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- ◆ God's Kingdom will be better than the way things currently are.
- ◆ God's Kingdom is already happening now.

What does it mean to you to pray “Your Kingdom come”?

However, at the same time, this is a threatening prayer to pray because if God's Kingdom comes, then everything will have to happen according to God's way, and if we are honest with ourselves, there are a lot of things we like now that probably won't exist in God's Kingdom. Can you think of some examples?

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Read Luke 1:26-38 (p. 482)

What stands out to you this year about that story?

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What do you think of her response?

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